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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
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FOR: INFORMATION MANAGEMENT :
APPARATUS, INFORMATION OUTPUT
SYSTEM, PORTABLE TERMINAL, AND
INFORMATION OUTPUTTING METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the restriction requirement of April 9, 2008, Applicants traverse the restriction requirement. However, as a provisional election, Applicants elect the Invention of Group II, namely Claims 6-8.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement, as it appears as though the Restriction Requirement erroneously identifies four groups of claims. Paragraph 1 of the restriction requirement indicates two groupings of claims (namely I and IV), and paragraph 3 identifies two additional sets of claims (namely III and IV). However, in paragraph 4 of the Restriction Requirement, the only rationale given relates to the first two groups of claims (namely I and II). As no articulated reason is given for the restriction between groups III and IV, the undersigned construes the language of paragraph 4 to be referring to group IV. This is because the claims in group IV and the claims in group II both relate to a portable terminal with photography and the Office Action gives no other rationale for distinguishing the claims

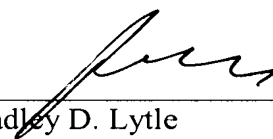
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between groups II and IV. Therefore, in view of this deficiency in the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect for prosecution Claims 6-8, and 11, 13 and 14 for prosecution on the merits.

According examination on the merits of Claims 6-8, 11, 13 and 14 is in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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